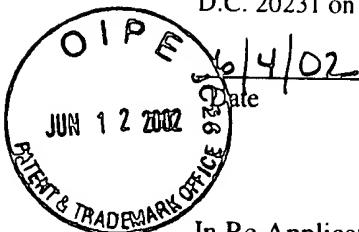


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed December 4, 2001. As the response is being filed after the due date of March 4, 2002, an extension of time in which to respond is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 18-1648 any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.